

Docket No.: 49959-167

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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Gilad ALMOGY, et al.

Serial No.: 09/641,137

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For: VARIABLE ANGLE ILLUMINATION WAFER INSPECTION SYSTEM

**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.181(a) REQUESTING WITHDRAWAL
OF HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

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The Notice of Abandonment mailed April 24, 2002 indicates that the above-identified application is abandoned in view of Applicant's failure to respond to the Office Action mailed September 17, 2001.

On November 8, 2001, Applicant's representative, William D. Pegg, timely filed a Response to Restriction Requirement and a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time (extending the date of timely response from the shortened statutory period of one-month to November 17, 2001) via hand-delivery.

Submitted herewith is a true copy of the Response to Restriction Requirement and Petition for Extension of Time filed November 8, 2001. Also attached is a copy of the postcard acknowledgement. The undersigned hereby certifies that the attached copies of the above-listed

documents are true and accurate copies of the original documents, and that the original documents were actually submitted on November 8, 2001 as stated.

It is respectfully requested that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn and the application returned to pending status.

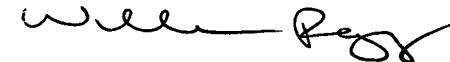
No fees are required for this petition since the abandonment was due to an error on the part of the USPTO.

The petition is being filed promptly after receipt of the Notice of Abandonment.

Please charge any necessary petition fees or any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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